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**PROJECT HOMELESS**

# What happens before tent camps are cleared

After controversial 'sweeps' in Seattle, the Navigation Team represents a new approach: 22 members coax homeless people to indoor shelters and remove unsafe encampments.

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*Seattle police Sgt. Eric Zerr, right, who leads officers on the Navigation Team, helps a resident move his belongings from a camp near the Interstate 90 Mount Baker Tunnel on Nov. 15. The team had worked with the residents for several days to help them find services.*

By VIANNA DAVILA
*Seattle Times staff reporter*

August Drake-Ericson stood in the middle of Seattle's largest known unauthorized homeless encampment, making an enthusiastic case for shelter to a man who'd spent the last 27 years living on the streets.

She knew him from previous visits to this camp at Jose Rizal Park, in the shadow of Interstates 5 and 90. A gaunt man with hair dyed light orange, Trung Ngu — who goes by the name "Psycho" on the streets — has moved from camp to camp as the city has cleared them out.

Drake-Ericson's chance for success seemed slim, but she was persistent: Did he have a case manager? Did he want one? Wouldn't he like to live somewhere other than a camp?

As cars and trucks rumbled nearby on I-5, Ngu responded with a series of "yeahs," as if he knew the routine. Maybe, this time, he was ready.

Drake-Ericson is part of the city's Navigation Team, a collection of police officers and outreach workers who are at the fulcrum of the debate over Seattle's growing number of tent communities.

Formed in February after a series of haphazard camp removals last year drew sharp criticism from advocates for homeless people, the 22-member team is tasked with both trying to coax homeless campers into shelters

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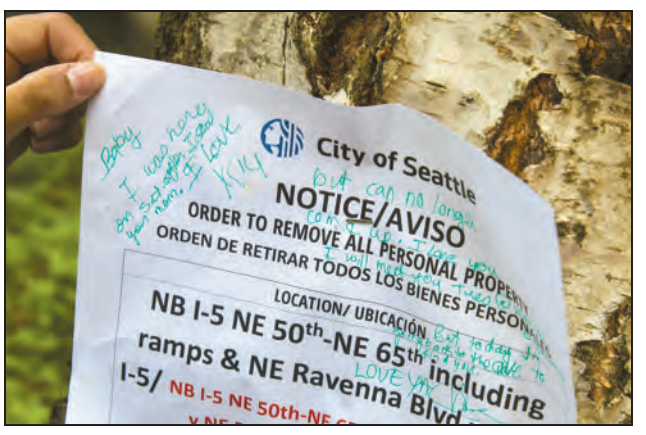


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*Above, Navigation Team member August Drake-Ericson, left, checks in on Trung Ngu, who is homeless and contemplates agreeing to getting services offered by the team. His camp was at Jose Rizal Park, near the interchange of I-90 and I-5.*

*A 72-hour warning notice, left, is posted when a camp is going to be removed.*

**ON THE WEB**

**Video: the Navigation Team at work**
See how outreach members work with residents before a camp is cleared, at ***seattletimes.com***

# ICE arrests man who spoke to media

**WILLAPA BAY SHELLFISH WORKER IN DETENTION**

**Girlfriend, U.S.-born children sent back to Mexico earlier**

By NINA SHAPIRO
*Seattle Times staff reporter*

A man who recounted his longtime girlfriend's arrest in a Seattle Times story about ramped-up immigration enforcement in Pacific County last month has now been detained, and says U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents told him the arrest was because he was in the newspaper.

Baltazar "Rosas" Aburto Gutierrez, speaking by phone from the Northwest Detention Center, where he is being held, said he got off work about 4 a.m. Monday — he harvests clams around Willapa Bay — went back to his Ocean Park home and, a few hours later, headed to Okie's Thriftway Market for coffee and eggs.

An SUV blocked his path into the parking lot, he said. An ICE agent got

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# Trump hints at changes in tax proposal

**HIGHER CORPORATE RATE?**

**Work to merge Senate, House versions may start this week**

By DAVID J. LYNCH AND DAMIAN PALETTA
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Hours after the passage early Saturday of a $1.5 trillion tax cut, President Donald Trump suggested for the first time that he would consider a higher corporate rate than the one Senate Republicans had just endorsed, in remarks that could complicate sensitive negotiations to pass a final bill.

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On his way to New York for three fundraisers, Trump said the corporate tax rate in the GOP plan might end up rising to 22 percent from 20 percent.

Lawmakers in both the House and Senate had fought hard to keep the corporate rate low, with the Senate late Friday rejecting a proposal backed by some Republicans to push it up to

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